

# Sanford Airport Solar Project

# Prepared for the Sanford Rotary Club



**November 7, 2019** 

# Meeting Objective: to provide an overview of the Sanford Airport Solar Project for the Sanford Rotary Club

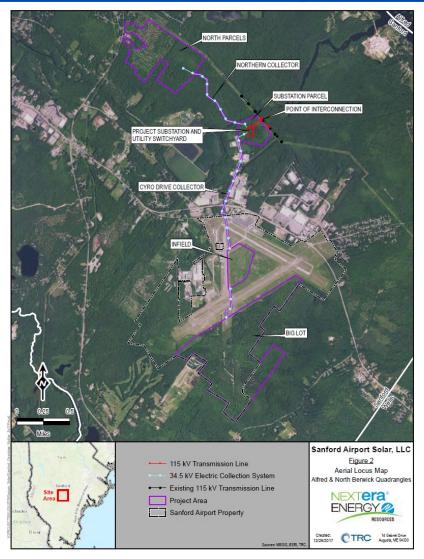
## **Agenda**

- Project Overview
- Completed Project Milestones to Date
- Community Benefits
- Project permitting overview
  - Federal; state; local
- Project Construction Overview
- Questions and discussion



# The Sanford Airport Solar Project is a 50 MW solar project being developed by NextEra Energy Resources

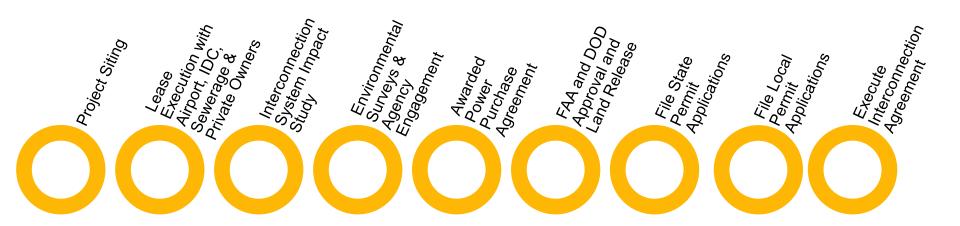
### Sanford Airport Solar Project Overview





# Since beginning development in 2015, the Project has experienced substantial development progress as we ramp up construction

### **Completed Project Milestones to Date**





# Sanford Airport Solar is a complex project requiring engagement across many stakeholders

## Sanford Airport Solar "Quick Facts"

#### Land

- 250 acre project footprint
- Lands under lease and purchase option

#### Interconnection

Interconnection agreement signed with ISO New England and CMP

#### Power Purchase Agreement

 Project's power is contracted with seven utilities in southern New England

#### Permits

 Permits needed at the federal (USACE; FAA), state (MDEP) and local (City of Sanford) levels

#### Construction

 Site work began October 2019; anticipated to be completed November 2020



# Sanford Airport Solar has worked through its partnership with the City to ensure that the Project creates long term benefits for the community

## **Sanford Airport Solar Community Benefits**

- Lease revenues to the City of Sanford for land leased at the Airport
  - Operation and Maintenance of the Airport poses significant cost to the City annually; land development must be consistent with aeronautical uses
- Annual tax revenues to the City of Sanford of \$500,000 per year
- City has the option to maintain vegetation on the Airport through the life of the Project
- New construction jobs and opportunities to strengthen the solar workforce in Maine
- Partnership and educational opportunities with the Sanford Regional Technical Center
- Upon completion, Sanford Airport Solar will be the largest solar project on an operating airport in the United States



# The Project requires permits at the federal, state and local level

## Sanford Airport Solar Permitting Overview

# Federal

- FAA analysis and approval (Form 7460) to ensure no obstruction to aviation
- DOD and FAA land release required to release Airport lands from aeronautical use
- Federal permitting completed in 2018

# State

- 20+ acres of development triggers Site Location of Development Act (Site Law)
- Activities in, on or over a protected natural resource triggers Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA)
- Applications submitted December 29, 2017; approval expected early summer 2018

# Local

- Construction of 30,000 + ft<sup>2</sup> triggers Ch. 280 Major Site Plan Review in City of Sanford Ordinance
- Construction of Utility Scale Solar system triggers Ch. 280-2-2 of the City of Sanford Ordinance
- Applications submitted to the City April 24, 2018









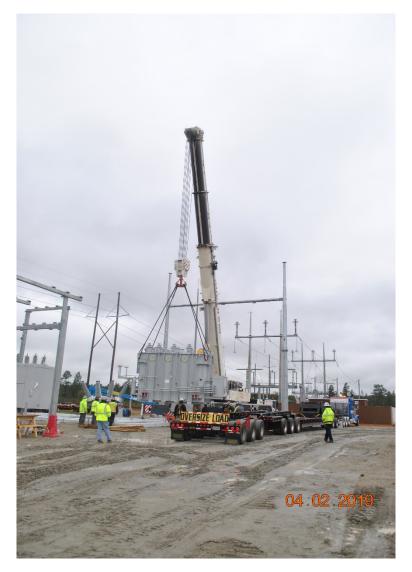
















### **Questions?**

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# **Appendix**





# Energy Resources' generation portfolio consists of a diverse set of technologies positioned in diverse regions across North America.

### **Energy Resources' Generation Portfolio**(1)

